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Silk industry.

* 1083 *Q.*—Sri S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state— 9 a.m

(*a*) whether any portion of the amount received from the Central Government out of the Handloom Cess Fund, has been allotted to promote the interests of handloom weavers in silk yarn; and

(*b*) if not, why?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answers given to question No. 451 and its supplementaries on 29th March 1954. This Government since addressed the All-India Handloom Board in the matter and the nature and extent of financial assistance to be granted to the Handloom Silk Industry from the Cess Fund is now under consideration by the Board."

Leave facilities to teachers.

* 1084 *Q.*—Sri S. DAIVASIGAMONEY (on behalf of Sri K. R. Sambandam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the teachers (Higher grade and Secondary grade) appointed before 1935 are eligible for leave with full pay, while others are not?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir."

First-grade college for Tanjore.

* 1085 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Special Officer, Tanjore District Board, has surrendered the available funds accrued from the Rajah's Charities under the management of the district board to the Government of Madras; and

(*b*) if so, why and for what purpose?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No. But there is a proposal to divert a sum of Rs. 4,93,700 from out of the funds of the Chattram Endowments for the purpose of financial guarantee to the University of Madras in connexion with the opening of a first grade College at Tanjore. Final orders have not yet been issued on the proposal. "

Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—" ஜில்லா போர்டு பள்ளிக்கூடத்தில் படித்துக்கொண்டிருந்த எல்லா ஹரிஜன மாணவர்களுக்கும் பகல் உணவு இலவசமாகக் கொடுக்கப்பட்டுவந்தது. இந்த ஆண்டிலிருந்து அதை நிறுத்திவிட்டார்கள். சத்திர நிதிகளிலிருந்து லட்சக்கணக்கான ரூபாய் கோவில்களுக்குச் செலவு செய்யப்படுகிறது. ஆகவே, இந்தத் தொகையிலிருந்தாவது ஹரிஜன மாணவர்களுக்கு பகல் உணவு இலவசமாக அளிப்பதற்கு நடவடிக்கை எடுக்க சர்க்கார் முன்வருவார்களா ? "